
REMARKS

The Rejection of Claims 1 and 2

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,705,461 to Kuharevich et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,557,368 to Alameda.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 2.

The Rejection of Claim 3

The Examiner has rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuharevich in view of Alameda as applied to Claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,158,574 to Williams et al.

Applicant has canceled Claim 3.

The Allowance of Claims 4-9

The Examiner has allowed Claims 4-9.

CONCLUSION

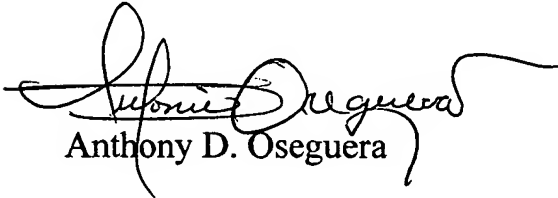
For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action Applicant respectfully requests.

CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ASSISTANCE

Applicant has corrected the section that amended the claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also non-obvious.

If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P § 2173.02 and § 707.07 (j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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